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#1**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1262****OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following (with the correct sequential provision designations [replacing the numbers currently shown for such designations]) and conform the table of contents accordingly:

**1 TITLE VI—CHESAPEAKE BAY AC-**  
**2 COUNTABILITY AND RECOV-**  
**3 ERY**

**4 SEC. 6001. CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSCUT BUDGET.**

**5** (a) CROSSCUT BUDGET.—The Director, in consulta-  
**6** tion with the Chesapeake Executive Council, the chief ex-  
**7** ecutive of each Chesapeake Bay State, and the Chesa-  
**8** peake Bay Commission, shall submit to Congress a finan-  
**9** cial report containing—

**10** (1) an interagency crosscut budget that dis-  
**11** plays—

**12** (A) the proposed funding for any Federal  
**13** restoration activity to be carried out in the suc-  
**14** ceeding fiscal year, including any planned inter-  
**15** agency or intra-agency transfer, for each of the  
**16** Federal agencies that carry out restoration ac-  
**17** tivities;

1 (B) to the extent that information is avail-  
2 able, the estimated funding for any State res-  
3 toration activity to be carried out in the suc-  
4 ceeding fiscal year;

5 (C) all expenditures for Federal restoration  
6 activities from the preceding 3 fiscal years, the  
7 current fiscal year, and the succeeding fiscal  
8 year; and

9 (D) all expenditures, to the extent that in-  
10 formation is available, for State restoration ac-  
11 tivities during the equivalent time period de-  
12 scribed in subparagraph (C);

13 (2) a detailed accounting of all funds received  
14 and obligated by all Federal agencies for restoration  
15 activities during the current and preceding fiscal  
16 years, including the identification of funds which  
17 were transferred to a Chesapeake Bay State for res-  
18 toration activities;

19 (3) to the extent that information is available,  
20 a detailed accounting from each State of all funds  
21 received and obligated from a Federal agency for  
22 restoration activities during the current and pre-  
23 ceding fiscal years; and

24 (4) a description of each of the proposed Fed-  
25 eral and State restoration activities to be carried out

1 in the succeeding fiscal year (corresponding to those  
2 activities listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
3 paragraph (1)), including the—

4 (A) project description;

5 (B) current status of the project;

6 (C) Federal or State statutory or regu-  
7 latory authority, programs, or responsible agen-  
8 cies;

9 (D) authorization level for appropriations;

10 (E) project timeline, including benchmarks;

11 (F) references to project documents;

12 (G) descriptions of risks and uncertainties

13 of project implementation;

14 (H) adaptive management actions or  
15 framework;

16 (I) coordinating entities;

17 (J) funding history;

18 (K) cost-sharing; and

19 (L) alignment with existing Chesapeake  
20 Bay Agreement and Chesapeake Executive  
21 Council goals and priorities.

22 (b) MINIMUM FUNDING LEVELS.—The Director shall  
23 only describe restoration activities in the report required  
24 under subsection (a) that—

1 (1) for Federal restoration activities, have fund-  
2 ing amounts greater than or equal to \$100,000; and

3 (2) for State restoration activities, have funding  
4 amounts greater than or equal to \$50,000.

5 (c) DEADLINE.—The Director shall submit to Con-  
6 gress the report required by subsection (a) not later than  
7 30 days after the submission by the President of the Presi-  
8 dent's annual budget to Congress.

9 (d) REPORT.—Copies of the financial report required  
10 by subsection (a) shall be submitted to the Committees  
11 on Appropriations, Natural Resources, Energy and Com-  
12 merce, and Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
13 House of Representatives and the Committees on Appro-  
14 priations, Environment and Public Works, and Commerce,  
15 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

16 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply be-  
17 ginning with the first fiscal year after the date of enact-  
18 ment of this Act for which the President submits a budget  
19 to Congress.

20 **SEC. 6002. ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in con-  
23 sultation with other Federal and State agencies, shall de-  
24 velop an adaptive management plan for restoration activi-  
25 ties that includes—



1 (1) definition of specific and measurable objec-  
2 tives to improve water quality;

3 (2) a process for stakeholder participation;

4 (3) monitoring, modeling, experimentation, and  
5 other research and evaluation practices;

6 (4) a process for modification of restoration ac-  
7 tivities that have not attained or will not attain the  
8 specific and measurable objectives set forth under  
9 paragraph (1); and

10 (5) a process for prioritizing restoration activi-  
11 ties and programs to which adaptive management  
12 shall be applied.

13 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Administrator shall im-  
14 plement the adaptive management plan developed under  
15 subsection (a).

16 (c) UPDATES.—The Administrator shall update the  
17 adaptive management plan developed under subsection (a)  
18 every 3 years.

19 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
21 the end of a fiscal year, the Administrator shall  
22 transmit to Congress an annual report on the imple-  
23 mentation of the adaptive management plan required  
24 under this section for such fiscal year.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under  
2     paragraph (1) shall contain information about the  
3     application of adaptive management to restoration  
4     activities and programs, including programmatic and  
5     project level changes implemented through the proc-  
6     ess of adaptive management.

7           (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall  
8     apply to the first fiscal year that begins after the  
9     date of enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 6003. DEFINITIONS.**

11     In this title, the following definitions apply:

12           (1) ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT.—The term  
13     “adaptive management” means a management tech-  
14     nique in which project and program decisions are  
15     made as part of an ongoing science-based process.  
16     Adaptive management involves testing, monitoring,  
17     and evaluating applied strategies and incorporating  
18     new knowledge into programs and restoration activi-  
19     ties that are based on scientific findings and the  
20     needs of society. Results are used to modify manage-  
21     ment policy, strategies, practices, programs, and res-  
22     toration activities.

23           (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
24     trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-  
25     mental Protection Agency.

1           (3) CHESAPEAKE BAY STATE.—The term  
2       “Chesapeake Bay State” or “State” means the  
3       States of Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, and  
4       New York, the Commonwealths of Virginia and  
5       Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia.

6           (4) CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED.—The term  
7       “Chesapeake Bay watershed” means the Chesapeake  
8       Bay and the geographic area, as determined by the  
9       Secretary of the Interior, consisting of 36 tributary  
10      basins, within the Chesapeake Bay States, through  
11      which precipitation drains into the Chesapeake Bay.

12          (5) CHIEF EXECUTIVE.—The term “chief exec-  
13      utive” means, in the case of a State or Common-  
14      wealth, the Governor of each such State or Common-  
15      wealth and, in the case of the District of Columbia,  
16      the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

17          (6) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
18      the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-  
19      et.

20          (7) RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.—The term “res-  
21      toration activities” means any Federal or State pro-  
22      grams or projects that directly or indirectly protect,  
23      conserve, or restore water quality in the Chesapeake  
24      Bay watershed, including programs or projects that  
25      promote responsible land use, stewardship, and com-

1 munity engagement in the Chesapeake Bay water-  
2 shed. Restoration activities may be categorized as  
3 follows:

- 4 (A) Physical restoration.
- 5 (B) Planning.
- 6 (C) Feasibility studies.
- 7 (D) Scientific research.
- 8 (E) Monitoring.
- 9 (F) Education.
- 10 (G) Infrastructure Development.

